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SRI M. CHADAYAN :—" മലബാറിലെ ഹരിജന ഹോസ്റ്റലുകളിൽ ഉള്ള ഹരിജന കുട്ടികൾക്കു സ്കോളർഷിപ്പും ബോഡിങ്ങ് ഗ്രാൻറും ഇതുവരെ കിട്ടീട്ടില്ല എന്നുള്ളതു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി അറിയുമോ ? ബോഡിങ്ങ് സ്കോളർഷിപ്പ കഴിയുന്നവേഗത്തിൽ കൊടുക്കുവാൻ മന്ത്രി ശ്രമിക്കുമോ ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I am not aware of it, Sir. Anyhow the matter will be enquired into."

SRI V. MUTHU :—" இதர மதத்திய ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கும் இந்தச் சலுகை உண்டு என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். அப்படியானால், இதர மதத்தில் ஹரிஜனங்கள் என்ற ஜாதியினர் இருக்கிறார்களா ? அப்படி இல்லையென்றால், ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு என்று ஏற்பட்ட நிதியிலிருந்து இதர மதத்தினருக்கு செலவழிப்பது நியாயமா ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether the Government are aware that hostels which receive this lump sum boarding grant and are managed by private individuals are run on business lines rather than with the motive to ameliorate the conditions of Harijan students? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, all these privileges lend themselves to corruption to a certain extent. But we cannot stop them for that reason."

Purchase of firebricks to boilers of certain power stations.

* 184 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(*a*) wherefrom the Government of Madras are getting the firebricks to the boilers of Madras Basin Bridge Power station and Samayanallur Power station;

(*b*) what is the stock in possession; and

(*c*) whether efforts have been made to see whether the same quality of firebricks is available in South India?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The ordinary firebricks (Indian manufacture) required for the Basin Bridge Power station are obtained from Calcutta, Kolar and Dalmiapuram and the special type firebricks (imported) for the power station are obtained from Calcutta and Madras. Regarding the Samayanallur Power station, there has been no necessity to order firebricks in any appreciable quantity after the station commenced operation in 1951.

" (*b*) Basin Bridge—

			NOS.
Ordinary firebricks	...	...	38,300
Special firebricks ...	...	...	7,020
	Total	...	45,320

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Samayanallur—

		NOS.
Plain firebricks	... ...	8,000
Special type firebricks	... ...	1,000
	Total ...	9,000

" (c) It is open to firms in South India to tender when tenders are invited. Supplies from Dalmiapuram are actually being tested in service? "

Destruction of paddy crops by flies.

* 185 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many acres of paddy crop were destroyed recently in amsams like Ramanthali, Kunnaru, Payyanur, Kunhimangalam, Matai, Perinthatta, Mathamangalam, Kuttoor, etc., in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, owing to the attack of flies and what preventive action Government have taken in this connexion; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any report from the Collector of Malabar regarding the widespread destruction of paddy crop in the amsams mentioned above?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have received a report from the Collector of Malabar that paddy crop to an extent of 102·11 acres were destroyed in 14 villages in Chirakkal taluk including some of the villages mentioned by the hon. Member owing to a pest attack. Both the Revenue and Agriculture Departments have taken timely action to arrest the spread of the pest and it is now under control. The Plant Protection Officer, Coimbatore, has also inspected the affected areas and suggested the action to be taken to prevent their spread further."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" സർ, പയ്യന്നൂർ ഫർക്കയിൽ ഉള്ള പല പ്രദേശങ്ങളിലും ഈച്ചകളുടെ ഉപദ്രവംകൊണ്ടു് എത്രയോ ഏക്കർ കൃഷി നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു് എന്നു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്നു് ബോദ്ധ്യമായിട്ടും അവിടെയുള്ള കഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്ന കൃഷിക്കാരുടെ നികുതിയും വാരവും വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുവാനുള്ള വല്ല നടപടികളും ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു് എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ? ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ എടുക്കുവാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the question of kist remission will be governed by Remission Rules and has to be attended to by the Revenue Department. Regarding the remission of rent on account of the damages to crops, it has to be settled between the landlords and tenants."

SRI A. APPU :—" What was the timely action taken by the Revenue and Agriculture Departments in this matter of preventing the spread of the disease? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, half a ton of insecticides was distributed throughout the affected places.